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SUBJECT: MALIK SAYS SULU NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY IN JAKARTA

REFS: A. JAKARTA 5568 B. JAKARTA 5396 C. JAKARTA 5174
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1. AT MAY 9 RECEPTION, MALIK TOLD COMMATT THAT (CONTRARY TO INFORMATION IN REFS B AND D) REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAYSIA AND THE PHILIPPINES WERE ALREADY IN JAKARTA TO DISCUSS THE SULU PROBLEM AND THAT HE PLANNED TO MEET WITH THEM LATER THAT EVENING. REFERRING TO THE PUBLIC STATEMENT MADE BY GENERAL ALI MURTOPO ON MAY 1 (THAT INDONESIA WAS URGING THE PHILIPPINES TO DROP THE SABAH CLAIM - REF C) MALIK SAID THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE AND WAS BOTH SURPRISED AND ANNOYED (AS OF COURSE WAS MALIK). MALIK SAID MURTOPO HAD PROBABLY SPOKEN OUT BECAUSE HE FELT HE WAS BEING LEFT OUT OF THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. MALIK WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE PHILIPPINES WILL
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WITHDRAW ITS CLAIM ON SABAH. HOWEVER HE SAID BECAUSE OF ALI MURTOPO' S STATEMENT OF MAY 1, THE GOP WILL NOT MAKE ITS DECISION PUBLIC FOR SOME WEEKS.

2. COMMENT: MALIK DID NOT IDENTIFY " REPRESENTATIVES" OR FURTHER CLARIFY NATURE OF MEETINGS WHICH (GIVEN APPARENT CONFLICT WITH OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE) MAY BE PRELIMINARY.
TOUSSAVELOP-
MENTS ON THIS SUBJECT, CHANGES IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND TREATMENT IN LOCAL PRESS. REPORTING ON THESE ASPECTS OF SUBJECT WILL ASSIST IN WASHINGTON DELIBERATIONS.

3. FOR EC POSTS: WE HAVE NOTED THE HELPFUL POSITION THE UK HAS DECIDED TO TAKE ON REVERSE PREFERENCE ASPECT OF THIS ISSUE (REFS C & D). WE WILL NOW BE WATCHING CLOSELY THE DEBATE WITHIN THE EC ON THE FREE TRADE AREA APPROACH TO EC RELATIONS WITH THE LDC' S AND ASSESSING THE PROSPECTS FOR THE UK VIEW PREVAILING ON THIS ISSUE. WE BELIEVE IT

ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME, WHILE EC MEMBERS ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AMONG THEMSELVES, NOT TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES OVERTLY WITH POSITION OF UK, AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY LONDON (REF C). SUCH AN OPEN STAND COULD STRENGTHEN FRENCH HAND AND WEAKEN POSITION OF GOVERNMENTS HEADED IN RIGHT DIRECTION. UNLESS JUDGED
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TO BE TACTICALLY UNWISE, POSTS SHOULD CONTINUE IN CON-
TACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO MAKE POINTS SET FORTH BY UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AT LAST US- EC CONSUL-
TATIONS (REF E).

4. FOR AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN POSTS: FOR SIMILAR REASONS, (SEE ALSO REFS D & F) WE BELIEVE IT TACTICALLY BEST TO GET A CLEARER IDEA OF DIRECTION OF EC POLICY BEFORE UNDERTAKING A SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN WITH HOST GOVERN-
MENTS. IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS ON US OBJECTIVES, POSTS, BEARING IN MIND POINTS IN REF E, MAY DRAW ON UNDER SECRETARY CASEY' S AND AMBASSADOR EBERLE' S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING GENERALIZED PREFERENCES PROVISIONS IN TRADE BILL RAISED IN SECRETARY' S APRIL 10 BRIEFING OF FOREIGN AMBASSADORS ON TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1973, A TRANSCRIPT OF WHICH WAS ENCLOSED WITH A-3569 OF APRIL 25. ROGERS

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